**WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

**Mandate**

The Board’s mandate is to make recommendations about library policy and budget, deal with administrative matters with significant policy or service implications for the library system, and develop long range plans for the library system, including public involvement.

**Composition**

The 16-member Library Board includes 12 citizen members appointed by City Council, two City Councillors, the Manager of Library Services and one non-voting representative from the Province of Manitoba.

Applications are accepted annually in October and November. Appointments are for two-year terms. Appointments are made in December and January.

**Time Commitments**

Monthly meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month. To view schedule, please visit the Library Board website.

**Meetings**

All Board meetings are open to the public to attend. If you would like to make a presentation before the Board please contact our office via phone or e-mail.

**Advocacy**

As part of their advocacy, the Board presents its annual report to the Standing Policy Committee of Protection, Community Services and Parks to outline its past years activities to Council members.

In addition, the Board works closely with the Manager of Library Services to make presentations to various levels of government to advocate on behalf of WPL or to support WPL initiatives.

**Supporting Winnipeg Public Library**

**Writer-in-Residence**

Writer-in-Residence is a Winnipeg Public Library service that fosters the development of Winnipeg writers. The Writer-in-Residence program is sponsored by the Winnipeg Public Library Board, the Government of Manitoba, the Manitoba Writers' Guild and Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library.

**Other Activities**

As part of their ongoing support, the Board has sponsored various consultant reports, items and activities that are a benefit to WPL and its customers.

**Supporting Local Community Involvement**

**Library Advisory Committees**

There are five Library Advisory Committees (LACs) located in Winnipeg. LACs participate in various activities in support of their local libraries, and advise and report to the Winnipeg Public Library Board on library services within their area. The LACs are:

**Assiniboia**: Charleswood, St. James-Assiniboia and Westwood

**City Centre**: Cornish, Fort Garry, Harvey Smith, Osborne and River Heights

**East Kildonan-Transcona**: Henderson, Munroe and Transcona

**Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan**:

St. John’s, Sir William Stephenson and West Kildonan

**Riel**: Louis Riel, Pembina Trail, St. Boniface, St. Vital and Windsor Park

**Winnipeg Library Foundation**

As part of the 1990’s Forward Thinking project, The Winnipeg Public Library Board created the Winnipeg Library Foundation as a separate entity to serve WPL through advocacy, fundraising and community awareness initiatives.

The Library Foundation raises funds for major capital projects for WPL. Some projects include the Millennium Library, Millennium Library Park, Cornish and St. John’s projects.

**For more information or to donate visit:**

http://www.winnipeglibraryfoundation.ca

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